

Housing Department Management Guidelines on
Election-related Activities for 2026 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections
(Date : 22 November 2026)

(A) For Public Rental Estates/Interim Housing Estates/Shopping Centres/Factories under the purview of the Hong Kong Housing Authority

Election-related Activities	Action
(1) Distribution of Election Advertisements (EAs) at common places or distributing EAs into letter boxes	(i) Distribution of EAs is allowed subject to prior approval from Housing Manager (HM)/Property Service Manager (PSM) concerned.
	(ii) Validly nominated candidates (candidates) must apply at least <i>two clear working days</i> ^{Note 1} in advance.
(2) Display of EAs at Designated Spots	(i) Display of EAs at designated spots is allowed after the Lots Drawing Session AND after the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee (CERC) has decided that the candidates are validly nominated. If any candidate displays EAs at designated spots before the CERC decides the validity of his/her nomination, the Housing Department (HD) as appropriate will remove the relevant EAs without any further notice. The cost of removal will also be recovered from the candidates and will constitute election expenses which must be included in the election return of the relevant candidates.
	(ii) Candidates have to produce to HM/PSM concerned the "Permission/Authorization for Display of Election Advertisements" issued by Returning Officer (RO) for inspection prior to the display of EAs.
	(iii) Definition of EAs is clearly stated in Chapter 8 of the Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the Election Committee Subsector Elections published by the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC).
(3) Display of EAs at places other than Designated Spots	(i) Notice boards installed by individual Legislative Council/District Council (LC/DC) Member on the outer wall of their offices are considered for their exclusive use and display of EAs thereat are up to the discretions of the tenants. If the Notice Boards are located within the No Canvassing Zone, the candidate(s) must remove such EAs on the polling day.
	(ii) Notice boards installed by HD at common areas of public housing estates for use by all Councillors/Organizations are not allowed for display of EAs during the election period.
	(iii) With consent of tenants concerned, EAs may be displayed at shop front(s) of shops or shop stalls, schools, kindergartens and non-governmental organizations.
	(iv) In case complaints about unauthorized display of EAs are received or the EAs are displayed at places beyond the control of HD staff, e.g. being hanged outside the domestic flat and HD staff's entry is denied, HD staff may refer the case to the RO.

Note 1 Counting of "two clear working days" – Only working days are counted. For example, if the electioneering activities/election meeting/mobile exhibitions/home visit is to be held/conducted on 6.11.2026 (Friday), the application should reach the estate office concerned by hand/fax/email at before 11:59 pm of 3.11.2025 (Tuesday). However, if it is to be held/conducted on Sunday or immediately after a Sunday, e.g. 8.11.2026 (Sunday) or 9.11.2026 (Monday), the application should reach the estate office concerned by hand/fax/email at before 11:59 pm of 4.11.2026 (Wednesday).

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(3) Display of EAs at places other than Designated Spots	(v) Upon advice from RO to remove the unauthorized EAs, estate staff may take photograph(s) and record down the details of the unauthorized EAs displayed and removal should be done promptly.
	(vi) If removal action is taken by estate staff subsequently, the removed articles shall be dealt with under Housing Ordinance Section 24 Sub-section (1)(b)(c)(d), (2)(b) and (4). Housing Authority (HA) will issue a demand note to the candidate for recovery of the removal and/or storage charge(s) not later than 21 days after the publication of the election result in the Gazette. A copy of the demand note should be sent to the RO.
(4) Electioneering Activities/ Election Meetings (Please refer to Annex for details)	(i) Electioneering activities/election meetings are allowed subject to prior written approval from HM/PSM concerned and relevant competent authorities.
	(ii) Candidates must apply at least <i>two clear working days</i> ^{Note 1} in advance.
	(iii) To prevent candidates from pre-occupying all available venues for holding electioneering activities/election meetings, the first-come-first- served principle does not apply.
	(iv) If two or more applications for the same venue and the same period are received by the estate office two clear working days before the electioneering activities/ election meetings take place, the applicants will be advised to negotiate among themselves to reach a compromise. If compromise cannot be reached, the venue or time slots will be allocated by drawing of lots at a time to be decided by the HM/PSM concerned. The approval letter should be copied to the relevant RO for record purpose.
	(v) Electioneering activities/election meetings are not allowed in shopping centres.
	(vi) Those who hold electioneering activities/election meetings may make use of promotion leaflets to publicize the details of the activities/meetings. Display of banners for publicizing the activities/meetings is confined within areas of the venue on the day the electioneering activities/ election meetings are held.
(5) Mobile Exhibitions (Please refer to Annex for details)	(i) Same as item (4)(i) to (vi) for electioneering activities/election meetings above.
	(ii) Duration should be one day at most.
(6) Visit domestic tenants (Please refer to Annex for details)	(i) Door-to-door visit to domestic tenants is allowed subject to prior written approval by HM/PSM concerned and on the following conditions: • use of sound amplifying device is not allowed. • no nuisance caused to tenants. • opt-out arrangements applicable to ALL candidates, the representative of candidate or anyone who assists the candidate.
(7) Visit non-domestic tenants	(i) Individual tenant to decide.
	(ii) No canvassing in common areas of shopping centres.
	(iii) Use of sound amplifying device is not allowed.

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(B) For Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) Courts, Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) Courts and Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) Estates

Election-related Activities	Action
Display of Election Advertisements (EAs) and Holding of Electioneering Activities/ Election Meetings	(i) For HOS/GSH courts and TPS estates with Owners' Corporations (OCs) formed and management taken back by OC already, they are treated as private tenement and HA has no part to play. Being private tenement, the OCs of these HOS/GSH courts and TPS estates have the right to decide, on behalf of all owners, the display of EAs and the use of common areas in the courts/estates for election-related activities.
	(ii) For those HOS/GSH courts where the HA is still serving as the Deed of Mutual Covenant (DMC) Manager, HMs/PSMs concerned will refer the Election Guidelines prepared by the EAC to the OCs, as well as advise the OCs of HA's relevant prevailing policy and management guidelines. Nevertheless, the OCs may set their own policies and guidelines if they so wish. If they do so, a full set of which should be passed to the HMs/PSMs concerned. Being the DMC Manager, HA will then follow the OCs' policies and guidelines. However, if it comes to HA's notice that any of the OCs' policies and guidelines is unacceptable, e.g. being unreasonably discriminatory, HA will make known of its objections to the OCs and will not apply the unacceptable policies/guidelines concerned.
	(iii) For HOS/GSH courts with OCs yet to be formed, the policy and guidelines contained herein will be applied. HA may explain to the Owners' Committees concerned of its prevailing policy/guidelines.

As the allocation of the designated spots for display of election advertisements, which include the designated spots under the purview of HA, would be determined after the Lots Drawing Session held by EAC for the candidates, HA only allows the candidates to launch their electioneering activities in PRH estates after the Lots Drawing Session and after the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee has decided that they are validly nominated.

Electioneering Activities/Election Meetings or Mobile Exhibitions :

- To better utilize venues in public housing estates and to avoid conflicts that may arise in case a compromise cannot be reached among applicants when more than one applications are received for holding electioneering activities/election meetings or mobile exhibitions at the same venue and at the same time of a day, the Housing Manager (HM)/Property Service Manager (PSM) of the estate concerned will offer some other available sessions of the same day to the applicants for holding the electioneering activities/election meetings or mobile exhibitions as far as possible. The available sessions will then be allocated to them by drawing of lots in the presence of the candidates or their representatives, if possible. (For instance, when both Applicant A and Applicant B apply for the use of the same venue from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm on 9.11.2026 and they cannot reach a compromise between themselves, the HM/PSM concerned may offer one more session, say, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, of the same day and then allocate the two sessions to them by drawing of lots.)
- As for applications from different candidates for distributing election materials at the same venue and at the same time of a day, approval can be given to all of them.

Visits to Domestic Tenants :

- Candidates are required to submit an application not less than *two clear working days** prior to the visits and register at the tower guard counter on the ground floor lobby before conducting home visits.
- The first-come-first-served principle does not apply.
- If two or more applications for the same period of a day at the same housing block are received *two clear working days** before the intended visits, the applicants will be advised by the HM/PSM concerned to negotiate among themselves for a compromise of the home visit arrangement. If a compromise cannot be reached, the allocation of sessions for conducting the home visits in individual housing blocks will be determined by drawing of lots in the presence of the candidates or their representatives, if possible, at a time decided by the HM/PSM of the estate concerned.
- To allow more opportunities for various candidates to conduct home visits, the time opened for electioneering visits in housing blocks is divided into the following three sessions in a day:
 - ❖ 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - ❖ 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 - ❖ 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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- No more than one candidate/team will be allowed to conduct home visits in the same housing block for the same session. A candidate who is allotted a particular session for conducting home visits through drawing of lots will not be allowed to participate another round of drawing of lots for conducting home visits on the same day in the same housing block.
- Candidates should observe and respect the rights of tenants/owners in allowing or denying his/her access to their units as stipulated in Chapter 9 of the Guidelines on Election-related Activities in respect of the Election Committee Subsector Elections promulgated by the EAC. The list of tenants denying electioneering visits will be produced by the tower guard upon candidate(s)/their team enter the block for starting their home visits.

Remarks:

- To avoid misunderstanding and disputes, a copy of the approval letter for holding the electioneering activities/election meetings, mobile exhibitions and conducting home visits to domestic tenants will be posted on the notice board of the relevant estate office for reference by tenants and the public.